

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 20-A: EDUCATION**  
**Chapter 111: MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS**

**§2305. TERMS; VACANCIES; RESTRICTIONS**

**1. Length of term.** School committee members shall be elected for staggered 3-year terms or, in municipalities with biennial elections, 4-year terms.

[ 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW) . ]

**2. Commencement of term.** The term of newly elected school board members shall start as determined under section 1003.

[ 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW) . ]

**3. Vacancy.** A vacancy on a school committee shall be declared:

A. When the term of office of a member expires; [1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW) . ]

B. When a member changes residency from the municipality or subdistrict from which elected. Evidence that an individual is registered to vote in a municipality is prima facie evidence of that individual's residency; [1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW) . ]

C. On the death of a member; [1987, c. 866, §4 (AMD) . ]

D. When a member resigns; or [1987, c. 866, §4 (AMD) . ]

E. Except in municipalities having a municipal charter, when a member is absent without excuse from 3 consecutive regular committee meetings, the committee may declare that a vacancy exists. [1987, c. 866, §5 (NEW) . ]

[ 1987, c. 866, §§4, 5 (AMD) . ]

**4. Filling a vacancy.** A vacancy may be filled:

A. By the school committee within 30 days. The term of a member appointed by the school committee to fill a vacancy shall expire at the next annual meeting; or [1983, c. 485, §19 (AMD) . ]

B. Whenever the remaining members of the school committee fail to appoint a person to fill a vacancy, by election at a town meeting called for the purpose. [1983, c. 806, §25 (AMD) . ]

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